

## Testimony – H.B. 5326

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HB 5326 (AN ACT CONCERNING COMPASSIONATE AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS)

I adamantly oppose H.B. 5326 which is clearly Assisted Suicide. As the son of a physician who took very seriously his duty and obligation to protect all human life, I find it nearly impossible to imagine any doctor willingly and purposely ending a patient's life. The idea of killing a patient should be entirely repugnant to any self-respecting doctor.

Giving doctors the power to essentially kill patients opens the door to practices that could, and will, bleed into more abuses of patients at the end life. Belgium is the prototype for this trend. What will stop physicians from deciding who is fit and who is not fit to live, thus expanding the practice from "suicide" to "euthanasia"?

Most anyone on the committee advocating for assisted suicide is looking at the process from a safe distance, but when confronted with the reality, might you have a change of heart and mind?

Please oppose H.B. 5326.

Thank you.

